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S. SAITO et al

Serial No. 10/187,298 Filed: July 2, 2002

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INFORMATION SIGNAL RECORDING AND K. Wong

PLAYBACK METHOD AND APPARATUS

THEREFOR

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents MS: Patent Application P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 30, 2003

This is a request for filing a continuation application sir: under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/187,298, filed on July 2, 2002, entitled INFORMATION SIGNAL RECORDING AND PLAYBACK METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

- 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
 - 2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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- 3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.
- 4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- 5. New drawings are enclosed, seventeen (17) sheets, Figs. 1A-17. The drawings include corrections approved in the prior application.
- 6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

- 7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
- 8. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 63-276243, filed November 2, 1988.

The certified priority document has been filed in prior application Serial No. 07/428,949.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/187,298, as originally filed on July 2, 2002.

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